

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, Brockworth

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SUNDAY MASS:

9.00am

Pro Populo

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday NO MASS
Tuesday 9.15am
Wednesday NO MASS
Thursday 9.15am
Friday NO MAS
Saturday NO MASS

Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Aaron Muir

St Ignatius Loyola

Barbara Arasimowicz

CONFESSIONS: after Mass upon Request.

School Holidays: As we have come to the end of the academic year, we wish all staff, children, students and their families in our schools a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. With the schools on holiday, Little Church (at the 9.00am Sunday Mass) is now finished for the summer and will resume in September.

Retirements: As we come to the end of the academic year there are some retirements of note at St Peter's Catholic High School and Sixth Form Centre, Andrew Copestake, Fiona Gittins, Mandy Baker, and Ruth Moran. Between them they have given 111 years' service to the school and in different but equally valued ways have had a positive impact on the lives of so many students over the years. As we acknowledge their wonderful contribution to the life of the school, we wish them well in their retirement.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage: This year's diocesan pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 7th September 2025 and will be centred around the theme of 'Mary, Woman of Hope', aligning with the Jubilee Year's theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." If there is enough interest a coach will be arranged for the Gloucester parishes. Please email the parish office if you would like to express your interest.

Render Unto Caesar: The Department for Social Justice of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has published a document on taxation called 'Render Unto Caesar'. It offers perspectives on taxation from Catholic social thought and teaching. The document can be found on www.cbcew.org.uk

Formation Day: The annual Diocesan Formation Day will take place on 11th October at St Brendan's College, Brinslington, with Mgr John Armitage (Parish Priest, Former Rector of the National Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom) as our keynote speaker. Anyone who has heard Mgr John speak before knows what an inspiring and gifted priest and speaker he is. He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful wit-

ness of Jesus'. In addition, there will be several workshop options for people to attend. More information in the Autumn but please put the date in your diary.

Junior Choir Director, Clifton Diocese: The Diocese Music department are seeking to expand the team by appointing a full-time, term-time colleague to initiate the National Schools Singing Programme and be committed to both schools and choral music. The aim is to introduce pupils aged 7 years upwards in schools to formal sung choral music, enabling opportunities to join Diocesan events and contribute to singing of the mass and other liturgies. The role will also include directing the Cathedral Junior Choir, including performances at 9.30am Sunday family mass six times per year, combining with existing musical groups or on their own. The Director will be based at the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Paul, Clifton, Bristol and importantly, travel to schools across our large diocese. Reporting to the Director of Schools and Colleges, candidates will require an enhanced DBS check and current UK driving licence with access to a car. For more information, please visit <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/> or contact music@cliftondiocese.com.

Final Thought: Brothers and sisters, let us look to Jesus! He shows us the meaning of authentic love for God and for others. It is a love that is generous, not possessive; a love that forgives without question; a love that reaches out and never abandons others. In Christ, God made himself a neighbour to each and every man and woman. That is why each of us can and should become a neighbour to all whom we meet. Imitating the example of Jesus, the Saviour of the world, we too are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment. ***From the words of Pope Leo XIV at the Angelus on July 13th.***